

**DECLARATION and  
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor, I declare that I believe that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the invention for which a patent entitled **AIRCRAFT FUEL INERTING SYSTEM FOR AN AIRPORT** is sought; and the subject matter of which is claimed in the specification attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

**PRIORITY FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

☒ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Number	Country	Date Filed	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
PCT/US01/31171	WO (PCT)	September 28, 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**PRIORITY PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**

☒ I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Serial No.	Filing Date
60/259,976	January 5, 2001

**PRIORITY U.S. APPLICATION(S)**

☒ No priority benefit is claimed for earlier-filed, United States non-provisional applications.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby grant the power to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith to the following attorney(s) and agent(s):

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the

knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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